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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - SEPTEMBER 14, 1994

1. THE FOLLOWING IS RWANDA PRESS GUIDANCE (IO), LESOTHO
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STATEMENT AND PRESS GUIDANCE (AF), AND SOMALIA PRESS
GUIDANCE (AF).

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2. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: GENOCIDE TRIALS
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Q: THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA HAS THREATENED TO HOLD
NATIONAL TRIALS OF FORMER HUTU GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO
COMMITTED ACTS OF GENOCIDE. THEY HAVE CALLED FOR AN
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL, BUT DO NOT WANT TO WAIT TOO LONG
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. WHAT IS
OUR POSITION ON WAR CRIMES TRIALS CONDUCTED BY THE NEW
GOVERNMENT?

A: WE SUPPORT PROMPT ACTION TO AUTHORIZE INTERNATIONAL
TRIALS OF THOSE WHO COMMITTED GENOCIDE AND WAR CRIMES IN
RWANDA. THOSE WHO PLANNED AND LED THE GENOCIDE MUST BE

BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

WE ALSO SUPPORT THE DETENTION OF SUSPECTS BY NATIONAL
AUTHORITIES IN RWANDA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. WE

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STRONGLY URGE THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT SUSPECTS ARE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW.

WE COMMEND THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FOR ARRESTING, COURT-MARTIALING, AND PUNISHING UNDISCIPLINED RWANDAN ARMY TROOPS WHO HAVE RECENTLY ATTACKED AND MURDERED CIVILIANS.

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WE AGREE WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN THAT THOSE WHO COMMITTED GENOCIDE SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CRIMES.

HOWEVER, IT IS A FACT THAT SOME IN RWANDA, PARTICULARLY HUTUS, MAY QUESTION THE FAIRNESS OF TRIALS CONDUCTED BY A GOVERNMENT THEY PERCEIVE AS DOMINATED BY TUTSIS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS APPOINTED BY THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE THE GENOCIDE WILL ISSUE A REPORT THIS MONTH. WE WILL URGE THE PROMPT CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL WHEN THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS ISSUES ITS REPORT.

3. STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN - LESOTHO: ELECTED REINSTATED

THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE REINSTATEMENT SEPTEMBER 14 OF LESOTHO'S PRIME MINISTER DR. NTSU MOKHEHLE AND HIS LEGITIMATELY ELECTED GOVERNMENT.

HIS MAJESTY KING LETSIE III HAS ACTED WISELY IN RETURNING LESOTHO TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE. THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, WOULD ACCEPT NOTHING LESS.

THE UNITED STATES SALUTES THE POSITIVE ROLE PLAYED IN THIS REGARD BY MEDIATORS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTSWANA, SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIMBABWE.

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A RETURN TO NORMAL CONSTITUTIONAL RULE WILL ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO LIFT THE SUSPENSION OF OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO.

THE UNITED STATES NOW LOOKS FORWARD TO SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TO ADDRESS CAUSES OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN LESOTHO, WHICH CAN ONLY BE REMEDIED THROUGH GENUINE DIALOGUE AND A RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW.

4. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - LESOTHO: ROYAL COUP

Q: WHEN AND HOW WAS THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT OUSTED?

A: ON AUGUST 17, KING LETSIE III ISSUED A DECREE PURPORTING TO DISMISS THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER MOKHEHLE (MOE - KAY - LAY).

THE UNITED STATES, ALONG WITH OTHER DONORS SUCH AS GREAT BRITAIN AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA, AND ZIMBABWE, CONDEMNED THE KING'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTIONS AND DEMANDED THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT. SIMILARLY, A BROAD RANGE OF GROUPS WITHIN LESOTHO, INCLUDING UNIONS, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIC GROUPS, CONDEMNED THE KING'S ACTIONS.

IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTEMPTED ROYAL COUP, THE UNITED STATES SUSPENDED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO ON AUGUST 21, INCLUDING DOLLARS 9.6 MILLION OF ASSISTANCE WHICH WAS
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INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAM. WE ALSO SUSPENDED OUR MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM WITH THE ROYAL LESOTHO DEFENSE FORCE.

5. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - SOMALIA: RELOCATION OF USLO

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE RELOCATION TO NAIROBI OF USLO MOGADISHU?

A: WE EXPECT THAT ALL OUR PERSONNEL WILL BE OUT OF

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MOGADISHU BY THE UPCOMING WEEKEND. AROUND TWELVE PEOPLE
WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON SOMALIA FROM NAIROBI. THE
REMAINDER WILL BE RETURNING TO THE US. THERE ARE ABOUT 50
DIPLOMATS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN MOGADISHU NOW.

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